

Stage 4 building tops out

On Friday 21 June, Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders joined the project team and hospital staff for a topping-out ceremony on the rooftop of the new three-storey building.

The topping out ceremony is an old building tradition that celebrates the highest point of construction by placing a tree at the top of the structure.

This is a significant construction milestone for the new building which will house an Emergency Department, Medical Imaging Unit, critical care floor and Ambulatory Care Unit.



Wiradjuri elder, Auntie Narelle Boys (second from the left) provided a heart-warming welcome to country before the topping out ceremony.



A water gum was winched into place to mark the highest point of the structure. (L to R) Dugald Saunders, Member for Dubbo, Jeff Morrissey, WNSWLHD, Debbie Bickerton, Dubbo Hospital, Marcus Haines, Health Infrastructure, Amanda Bock, Health Infrastructure, Bonita Jameson, Dubbo Hospital, Kerrie O'Neill, Dubbo Hospital, Daniel Spirit Jones, Hansen Yuncken, Mary McCarthy, Dubbo Hospital, Tim Rooke, Hansen Yuncken



Left: Louise Brown, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Bourke Hospital.
Right: Dr Sue Moreton, Haematologist, Dubbo Hospital

Project team visits Bourke

On Thursday 30 May, the project team including Dubbo Hospital Haematologist, Dr Sue Moreton, visited Bourke to chat to residents about the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo.

The team spoke to more than 40 people about the new services that will soon be available, and how it will significantly reduce travel times for those people who need life-saving cancer treatment.

When complete, the new service will provide chemotherapy and radiation therapy services, a PET CT Scanner for cancer diagnostics and a wellness space for a range of support services such as yoga and nutrition.

Main works construction will start once the Dialysis Unit moves into its new facility early next year.

The Western Cancer Centre Dubbo is expected to be complete in 2021.

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Construction on track



Stage 4 works include the construction of a new three-storey building. The building is being built in two sections to minimise the impact of construction on patients and staff.

Construction on the three-storey clinical building is progressing well. Work is currently focused on formwork, with the final sections of concrete being poured.

The new building is being built in the middle of the campus which means construction is being carefully staged to maintain hospital services. The first section of the new building will be complete in early 2020, which will enable the Emergency Department to move and the new Medical Imaging Unit to open. Following the completion of the first section, further demolition and construction work will be undertaken to finish the building. When construction is complete in 2021, additional areas for the Emergency Department, main entry, critical care floor and Ambulatory Care Unit will open.

Dialysis Unit works progress

Construction on the Dialysis Unit above the Extended Day Surgery Unit, is going well. A prototype treatment area was recently finished to give staff a test run inside the new unit.

The prototype room contains furniture, fixtures and equipment to give the hospital a sense of what the space will look like and allow for final testing and checks before the remaining areas are built.

Work on the new unit will continue throughout 2019 with patients and staff expected to move into the new facility in early 2020. Once they have vacated their current unit, work can start on the Western Cancer Centre Dubbo.



The project team and hospital staff viewing the prototype treatment space.

Redevelopment Stages 3 and 4 & Cancer Centre timeline

